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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of tobacco growers in the country;

(b) the production of tobacco in Andhra Pradesh as compared to other State, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking any action against the concerned exporters who are patronizing some people;

(d) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to export tobacco to China and other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The present status of tobacco growers in the country is :

Name of the state	No. of growers regd. during 2007-08 crop season
Andhra Pradesh	46118
(As on 31.03.2008)	
Karnataka	40740

(b) The production of tobacco in Andhra Pradesh as compared to other States, State-wise is as follows:

Name of the state	Production (M.Kgs.)	
	2006-07	2007-08
Andhra Pradesh	171.95	167.32
Karnataka	96.98	87.66

() − Estimated production

(c) & (d) No, Sir. No such complaint has been received.

(e) To boost export of tobacco to China, the Government of India has signed a protocol of phytosanitary requirements for the export of tobacco leaves from India to China on 14th January 2008. The Government is taking following export promotion measures to increase exports of tobacco and tobacco products:

Reorientation of the production of tobacco to meet changing international demands and also enhancing the quality and productivity of tobacco grown in India by implementing several extension and developmental programmes, such as modal project areas, integrated pest management etc.

Participation in international trade, fairs and exhibitions.

Organising the delegations of tobacco trader and exporters to various countries and inviting trade delegations from important markets.

Undertaking an extensive advertisement campaign in the international media to promote Indian tobacco.